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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Funding of Black and White Items in CORONA Program

1. I talked with [REDACTED], as you know, in Boston about the manner in which items are charged to black funding as distinguished from white. He gave me the following history: At the beginning of the program it was agreed that hardware and development common to the white and black programs would be charged white. However, in the late fall of 1958 the program needed money and BMD transferred [REDACTED] dollars to meet the then need. Approximately this amount of requirements were found in common items. Later came overruns and after some hassling back and forth somebody in our organization, possibly George K. or perhaps Mr. B., agreed that for overrun purposes common items would be charged 50-50 to white and black.

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2. There thus being considerable confusion as to the criteria, LMSD does not know how to charge common items. It is however attempting to revert to the principle at the outset of the program and charge them all on the white side.

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